

Washington, DC – Today the House Ethics Committee released serious charges against Congressman Charlie Rangel. After carefully reviewing the charges, Congressman John Adler released the following statement:

"Mr. Rangel should resign from Congress. Families, seniors and small businesses play by the rules and pay the consequences when they do not. They deserve a government that holds itself to a higher standard. The charges brought against Mr. Rangel are serious and betray the public trust," Congressman John Adler said. "Congress must focus on common-sense, bipartisan ways to spark private sector job creation and reduce our deficit. Our nation cannot afford to be distracted by Mr. Rangel's misconduct."

Congressman Adler believes that the American people deserve an open and transparent government. He has a long history of imposing strict ethics standards on lawmakers. As a member of the NJ State Senate, Congressman Adler wrote the law that stripped corrupt public officials of their pensions. He introduced a similar bipartisan measure as a Member of Congress.

The Public Corruption Elimination Act is a common sense, bipartisan, solution to a problem that has continued to degenerate over the last decade. The bill's objective is simple: if an employee is convicted of a felony related to abusing the official duties of their office, they should not collect a taxpayer funded pension. In a decade's time, the federal government paid out over \$500 million in pension payments to public officials that abused their office. The American people should never finance the retirement of a corrupt official.